flats were issued. Subsequently due to dispute arising with the contractors, these flats could not be completed and further issuance of possession letters was stopped.

In the case of 504 flats Pitampura, no demand letters were issued and no payment was received as these flats were not expected to be completed in the near future.

Modernising of Sugar Industry

2137. SHRI C. HARIDAS: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of sugar factories in India;

(b) what type of technology is being used in these mills;

(c) whether Government are aware that most of them are being run on obsolete technology; and

(d) whether Government propose to modernise sugar industry and to what extent sugar industry has been modernised?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) There are at present 356 installed sugar factories in the country.

(b) Most of the sugar factories except a few are using the latest technology available in the country;

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Few sugar factories which are using old technology as a result of having old plant and machinery can modernise and rehabilitate their factories for which the Central Government has a soft loan scheme. 29 sugar factories have already taken advantage of this scheme upto 31st December, 1984. In addition the Sugar Development Fund created by Government of India also envisages giving help to such factories for undertaking modernization and rehabilitation by advancing margin money assistance.

Promotional avenues for Scientists to ICAR

2138. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research has decided to provide more promotion avenues to scientists working under it, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the I.C.A.R. plans to introduce better and more effective assessment of scientists, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Council proposes to dispense with the system of promotion on the basis of published scientific works and replace it by project file mentioning the work done and important duties performed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) There is no proposal to provide more promotion avenues to scientists working under the ICAR then provided at present.

(b) The system of assessment of the scientists borne on the Agricultural Research Service is reviewed from time to time to bring about improvement therein. The system has been reviewed recently in the light of the expertience gained in its working as also the grievances aired by the scientists from time to time. In order to make the system even more responsive, the criteria and methods for five yearly assessment have been quantified and a decision has been taken in regard to the maintenance of personal files by the assessee scientists as also improvement in the maintenance of Research Project files by them. The assessment proforma has also been sligtly modified.

(c) The assessment of performance of the scientists is based, among other, on the project files maintained by them and publications to their credit. Neither of them has been dispensed with as a result of the view of the system of assessment

carried out recently, as indicated in the preceding para.

Encroachment of land in Lalji Nagar Green area Delhi

2139. SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some officers of the DDA have been penalised in connection with the unauthorised encroachment in Lalji Nagar green area of Delhi;

(b) if so, what are their names and charges against them;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there are casses of unauthorised encroachment in Jogabai green area and behind Chandralok cinema near EPDP colony; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken against the guilty officers?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a and (b) The following officers of the DDA have been suspended pending investigation of the case in detail, on the basis of preliminary enquiry, in connection with unauthorised encroachement in Lalji Nagar green area —

1. Shri S. K. Bhat, D.D. (Hort).
2. Shri J. P. Verma D.D. (L)
3. Shri Shamim Ahmed, A.S.O.
4. Shri Phool Chand, Garden Supervisor.
5. Shri Harpal Singh Forester.
6. Shri Sat Narain, Patwari.
7. Shri Niranjan Singh, Patwari.

(c The DDA has reported that there is no unauthorised encroachment in Jogabai green area. The area behind Chanderlok Cinema near E.P.D.P. Colony is, however, under unauthorised occupation. The unauthorised occupant has obtained *status quo* orders from the High Court of Delhi and no action can be taken till these orders are vacated.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Civil Supplies Corporations in States

2140. SHRI S. W. DHABE:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the States where civil supplies corporations have been set up, and what steps Government are going to take to set up such corporations in States where the same have not been set up in order to streamline the public distribution system; and

(b) what is the number of States which have been extended the public distribution scheme to all the rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) The following States|Union Territory have set up Civil Supplies Corporation:

1. Andhra Pradesh
2. Bihar
3. Himachal Pradesh
4. Kerala
5. Karnataka
6. Punjab
7. Madhya Pradesh
8. Tamil Nadu
9. Uttar Pradesh
10. Orissa
11. West Bengal
12. Gujarat and
13. Delhi.

The Central Government has suggested to States|Union Territoriesto consider setting up Civil Supplies Corporations wherever necessary.

(b) Allthe States|Union Territories have extended the Public Distribution System to the rural areas.